

5 *Cont.* a centrally aligned drive shaft [(1, 20) execute] that is  
6 movable to provide a rotary cutting movement to the at least two  
7 *B1* circular saw blades, and wherein [to vary the cutting width] at  
8 least one circular saw blade [(2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 2g)] is  
9 mounted displaceable axially on the drive shaft to vary a cutting  
10 width of the materials to be cut;

11 [wherein] disc like support bodies [(3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f,  
12 3g) are provided] axially displaceable on the drive shaft,  
13 [whereby] wherein at least one circular saw blade [2a, 2b, 2c, 2d,  
14 2e, 2f, 2g)] is fixedly mounted [to be mounted fixed] on each  
15 support body, wherein each support body has a nut [whereby the  
16 axial displacement of the circular saw blades (2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e,  
17 2f, 2g) is carried out by means of rods (7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f,  
18 7g, 7h, 7i, 7j, 7k, 7l)];

19 guide spindles running parallel to the axis of the drive shaft  
20 [(1, 20)] and engaging through the support bodies, [(3a, 3b, 3c, 3d,  
21 3e, 3f, 3g)] wherein the guide spindles carry out the axial  
22 displacement of the circular saw blades, wherein the guide spindles  
23 [the rods] are [moved] movable during the circular cutting movement  
24 of the circular saw blades [(2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 2g)] on a  
25 circular path about the axis of the drive shaft; wherein the guide  
26 spindles are [(1, 20) characterised in that the rods (7a, 7b, 7c,  
27 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7i, 7j, 7k, 7l) are formed as guide spindles  
28 (7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7i, 7j, 7k, 7l)] fixed axially on  
29 the drive shaft [(1, 20)] and wherein each guide spindle is  
30 associated with a respective single one of the support bodies and  
31 [each of which] is screwed into [an] the associated nut of the  
32 respective single one of the support bodies; and

33 [of a single support body (3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 3g,)  
34 associated with these guide spindles, and that all the support  
35 bodies (3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 3g) can be fixed on the drive shaft  
36 (1, 20) by]

37 *Cont.* a [common] hydraulic clamping element [strip (21)] commonly  
38 *B1* fixing the support bodies onto the drive shaft.

1 2. (Amended) The cutting [Cutting] device according to  
2 claim 1 wherein the guide spindles include [characterised in that]  
3 two diametrically opposite guide spindles [(7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f,  
4 7g, 7h, 7i, 7j, 7k, 7l)] mounted at an equal distance from the axis  
5 of the drive shaft, [(1, 20)] wherein the two diametrically  
6 opposite guide spindles [each] displace one support body of the  
7 support bodies [(3, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3f)] axially on the drive shaft  
8 [(1, 20)].

1 3. (Twice Amended) The cutting [Cutting] device according to  
2 claim 2 further comprising gearing that synchronizes [claims 1 or  
3 2 characterised in that one] transport [movement] movements of the  
4 [each] two [associated] diametrically opposite guide spindles [(7a,  
5 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7i, 7j, 7k, 7l) serving for the axial  
6 displacement of the] that axially displace the one support body  
7 [(3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f) can be synchronised by means of a gear].

1 4. (Amended) The cutting [Cutting] device according to claim  
2 3 wherein [characterised in that] the gearing is [formed as] a belt  
3 gearing.

1 5. (Twice Amended) The cutting [Cutting] device according to  
2 claim 3 [characterised in that] further comprising a drive housing  
3 wherein the [or each] gearing is [or are] mounted inside [a] the  
4 drive housing [(8)].

1 6. (Twice Amended) The cutting [Cutting] device according to  
2 claim 1 [characterised in that to set (18a, 18b, 18c, 18d, 18e,  
3 18f) the cutting widths] further comprising stud attachments [(9a, *B*

9b) are provided by means of which] that drive the relevant guide  
spindles [(7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7i, 7j, 7k, 7l) are to  
be driven] to produce [their] transport movement of the guide  
spindles to set the cutting widths.

7. (Amended) The cutting [Cutting] device according to  
claim 6 wherein [characterised in that] the stud attachments [(9a,  
9b)] are shaped from [the] extended ends of the guide spindles  
[(7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7i, 7j, 7k, 7l)].

8. (Amended) The cutting [Cutting] device according to one  
of claims 6 or 7 wherein [characterised in that] the transport  
movement is [to be applied] produced by manual application to the  
[relevant] stud attachment [(9a, 9b) manually or motorized by means  
of a suitable tool].

10. (Twice Amended) The cutting [Cutting] device according to  
claim 1 [characterised in that] wherein [a complete set of] the  
support bodies, [(3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 3g) inclusive of] the  
circular saw blades, [(2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 2g) mounted thereon  
together with] the associated guide spindles [(7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e,  
7f, 7g, 7h, 7i, 7j, 7k, 7l)] and [the] a drive housing [(8) can be]  
are assembled as a structural unit, [and] wherein [during a tool  
change] the structural unit is capable of being pushed onto the  
drive shaft [can be pushed] and fixed on the drive shaft [(1, 20)  
like a saw box].

11. (Twice Amended) The cutting [Cutting] device according to  
claim 1 [characterised in that] wherein the circular saw blades  
[(2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 2g)] are [to be] fixedly mounted [fixed]  
on the disc-like support bodies [(3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 3g) or

5 fixed on known blade socket rings and are mounted with these  
6 axially displaceable on the drive shaft (1, 20)].

1 ~~11.~~ (Twice Amended) The cutting [Cutting] device according to  
2 claim 1 [characterised in that the] wherein the clamping [elements  
3 (21) correspond] element corresponds in shape and action to close  
4 tolerance screws.

1 ~~12.~~ (Twice Amended) The cutting [Cutting] device according to  
2 claim 1 [characterised in that] wherein there are two clamping  
3 elements [(21) are provided] diametrically opposite one another on  
4 the drive shaft [(1, 20)].

1 ~~13.~~ (Twice Amended) The cutting [Cutting] device according to  
2 claim 1 [characterised in that] further comprising lift restricting  
3 elements [(22) more particularly lifting cover screws are provided  
4 for] restricting [the] radial displacement of the clamping element  
5 [elements (21)].

1 ~~14.~~ (Twice Amended) The cutting [Cutting] device according to  
2 claim 1 [characterised in that] further comprising a [manually or  
3 motor-driven] displaceable piston [(26) is provided for] applying  
4 [the] hydraulic force action associated with the clamping element.

1 ~~15.~~ (Twice Amended) The cutting [Cutting] device according to  
2 claim 14 further comprising a machine applying the hydraulic force  
3 action and [claim 1 characterised in that] a hydraulic appliance  
4 associated with [is provided inside or outside] the machine for  
5 applying the hydraulic force action.

1 ~~16.~~ (Twice Amended) The cutting device according to claim 14  
2 wherein the saw [Saw] blade clamping device [according to claim 1

3 characterised in that] has a manometer [(30) is provided for]  
4 monitoring the hydraulic force action.

Please add new claims 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 as follows:

1 -- ~~9~~ <sup>17</sup>. The cutting device according to claim 6 wherein a  
2 suitable tool motorizes the guide spindles to produce the transport  
3 movement. --

1 -- ~~17~~ <sup>20</sup>. The cutting device according to claim 1 further  
2 comprising saw blade socket rings, wherein the circular saw blades  
3 are fixedly mounted to the saw blade socket rings and axially  
4 displaceable on the drive shaft. --

1 -- ~~18~~ <sup>15</sup> <sup>16</sup>. The cutting device according to claim ~~14~~ wherein the  
2 piston is motor driven. --

1 -- ~~19~~ <sup>15</sup> <sup>16</sup>. The cutting device according to claim ~~14~~ wherein the  
2 piston is driven manually. --

1 -- 21. The cutting device according to claim 1 wherein the  
2 hydraulic clamping element is a hydraulic clamping strip. --

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-16, from the annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report, remain in this application and have been amended for clarity. Claims 17-21 have been added. It is respectfully requested that the changes to the claims be carefully reviewed by the Examiner and entered prior to examination.

Due to the number of amendments, a substitute specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.125 is submitted herewith to facilitate the prosecution of this application. The substitute specification